

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

RICHARD FELTZ,  
on behalf of himself and  
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

TULSA COUNTY, *et al.*

Defendants.

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Case No. 18-cv-00298-CVE-JFJ

**DEFENDANT STATE JUDGES' REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE IN  
OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT STATE JUDGES' MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE  
ORDER WITH BRIEF IN SUPPORT**

Defendant State Judges William LaFortune,<sup>1</sup> in his official capacity as Presiding Judge, and Terry H. Bitting, Tammy Bruce, Martha Rupp Carter, Stephen R. Clark, Theresa Dreiling, Owen Evens, James W. Keeley, Deborah Ludi-Leitch, J. Anthony Miller, Dawn Moody, Millie Otey, Kirsten Pace, April Siebert, Clifford Smith and Sarah Smith, in their capacity as Special Judges, by and through the undersigned counsel, respectfully submit their Reply to Plaintiff's Response in Opposition [Doc. 246] to their Motion for Protective Order [Doc. 235] and advise the Court of the following:

On January 11, 2021, Defendant State Judges filed their Motion for Protective Order [Doc. 235] as Defendant State Judges objected to the fact discovery issued to them that would be due past the then fact discovery deadline of January 25, 2021. On February 1, 2021, Plaintiff filed his

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<sup>1</sup> Judge LaFortune became presiding judge on January 1, 2020 and was automatically substituted for Judge Musseman pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d); however, all references will be to Judge Musseman when discussing events that happened between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019 as Judge Musseman was the presiding judge during that time period and the allegations in the Amended Complaint refer to his personal actions.

Response to the Motion. On February 3, 2021, Plaintiff filed a motion to extend deadlines [Doc. 247] including the deadline at issue in Motion for Protective Order. On February 3, 2021, the Court granted the motion to extend deadlines [Doc. 250] and extended “the deadline for all discovery” to July 2, 2021. A specific fact discovery deadline was not set in this new order; however, based upon Defendant State Judges’ reading of this Order, the Motion for Protective Order is now moot since the deadline for all discovery is now July 2, 2021.

For the reasons set forth above, the Court should find the Motion for Protective Order [Doc. 235] moot.

Respectfully submitted,

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